representations for providing facilities to passengers at Chunar Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware that some social organisations staged Dharana and demonstrations in 1995 and 1996 demanding halt for some important trains at the said station to provide reservation quota in these trains and to construct a rail overbridge there;

(d) if so, the details of action taken in this regard; and

(e) the time by which the passenger facilities as demanded are likely to be made available at the said railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A memorandum was received from Nagrik Upbhokta Samiti Chunar, regarding stoppage of Magadh, Katihar, Neelachal Expresses and Kalka Mail at Chunar Railway station.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Neelachal Express does not touch Chunar Railway station. However, the feasibility of providing stoppage of additional trains, including Magadh Express, Mahananda Express and Kalka Mail at Chunar has been examined, but not found commercially justified. In the absence of stoppage of these trains, no quota can be allotted at this station. Construction of Road-over bridge is not feasible at the site, however, a Foot-over bridge can be considered if the State Govt. sponsor proposal on deposit terms.

Loading of Loaded Trucks on Rail Wagons

3052. SHRI VIJAY PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to allow loaded trucks on rail wagons; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of implementation will arise only after various aspects of the proposal have been examined.

Rail Link with Bangladesh

3053. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to increase trade with Bangladesh from different parts of West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government are aware that from North Bengal to Bangladesh, Traffic movement is possible by constructing rail link with Chilahati (Bangladesh) to Raninagar *via* Haldibari;

(c) whether the Government are also considering to take up this project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Rail Link with Kabithirtha Churulia

3054. SHRI MEHBOOB ZAHEDI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have since taken any decision to connect Kabithirtha Churulia in district Barddhaman, West Bengal, birth place of revolutionary poet Nazrul Islam, with rail;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct any survey for this propose;

(c) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Churulia Station was in existence on Ikhra-Gaurandi Section in Asansol Division on Eastern Railway. On account of rampant theft of railway track it was not found feasible to run trains on this section, and the section was closed in 1985. Churulia is connected by road to Asansol.

On-going Construction of Over-Bridges in Orissa

3055. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some road over-bridges are under construction in Orissa;

(b) if so, the location of these bridges;

(c) the estimated cost likely to be incurred thereon; and

(d) the progress of work made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Statement is attached.